GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF FLUORESCENT LAMPS IN RAILWAY COLONIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to save power, the Indian Railways are planning to instal Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) in each of the households in its residential colonies across the country;

(b) if so, whether according to the figures, the Railways consume around 12.8 billion units of electricity around 2 billion litres of diesel every year and the Railways spend around Rs. 12,000 crores on the energy bill, which accounts for 29% of its working expenses;

(c) whether the Ministry is spending around Rs. 5,700 crores per annum for consumption of more than 13,000 million units of electricity towards energy for traction and non-traction purposes; and

(d) if so, to what extent the installation of CFLs in colonies will be helpful to the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The procurement of about 26 lakh CFLs under Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is the Indian Railways initiative to reduce global warming and is estimated to save about 20 crore units (kwh) of electricity per year.